

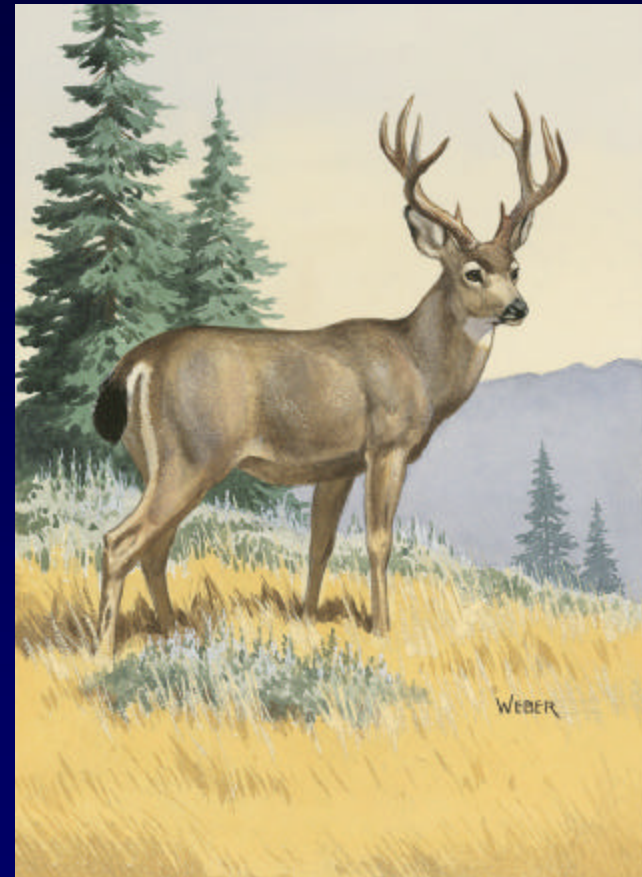
# Restoration: Renaissance in Community & Wildlife



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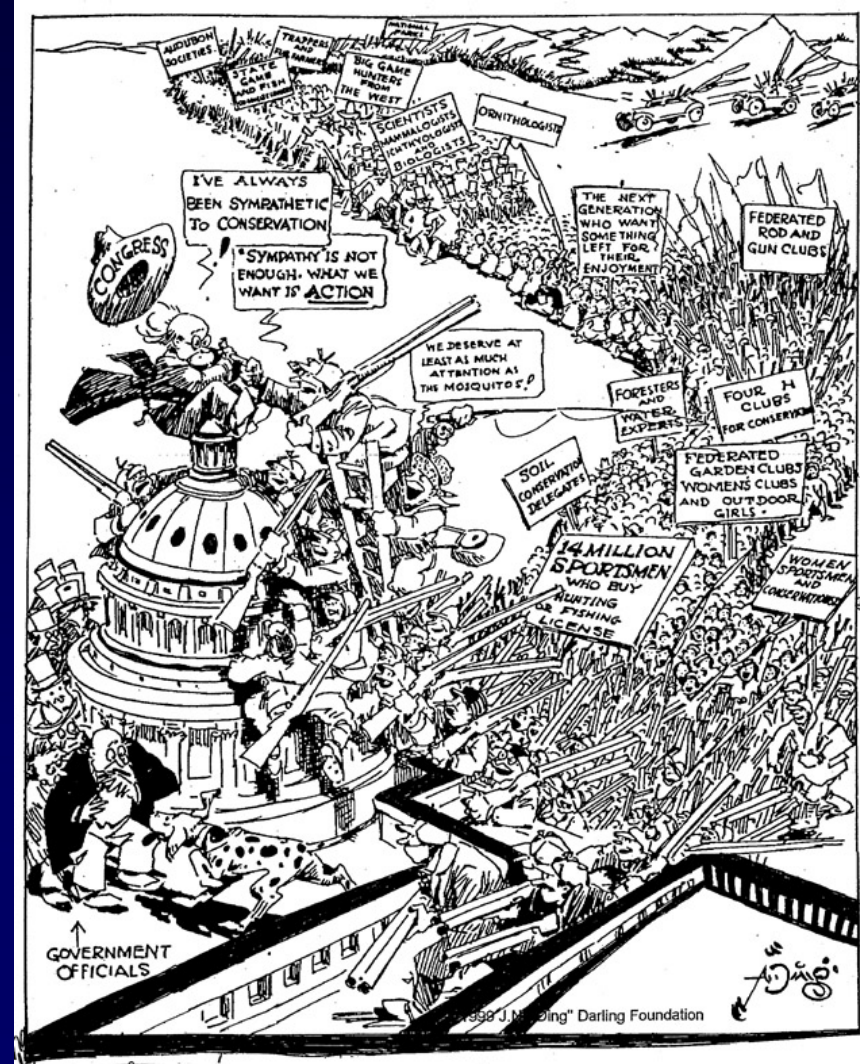
# Overview

- We Know How to Restore Wildlife
- Case Study: Quest for Broader Wildlife Funding
- State Wildlife Action Plans
- NWF & Current Catalysts for Successful Restoration
- What We Need to Do
- Past As Inspiration



# We Know How to Restore Game Fish & Wildlife

- MT License Fees (1901)
  - \$35.5 million in 2004
- Pittman-Robertson \$4.7 billion since 1937
  - \$131 million in MT
  - \$6.3 million in 2005
- Dingell-Johnson \$4.75 billion since 1950
  - \$110 million in MT
  - \$7 million in 2005
- Elk, Deer, Turkey, Trout, Pronghorn



# 25 Year & Counting Quest for Broader Funding For All Wildlife

- Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act (1980)
- Teaming with Wildlife Initiative (1990)
- Conservation & Reinvestment Act (2000)
- CARA-Light & State Wildlife Grants (2000)
- Nature of Coalitions
  - Numbers vs. person to person (community)
  - Three stages





# State Wildlife Action Plans

- Nation-wide opportunity
- Pro-active Conservation
- Guided by Lessons Learned
- State-by-State Statement of Need/Services
- \$50 to \$85 million a year (MT: \$776,553-\$1.34 million)
- Leverage additional funding and action



# NWF and Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Pilot Project

- Five Pilot-States: MT, WI, MA, NC, and GA
- Grow Teaming With Wildlife Coalitions & Conservation/Restoration Movement
- Obtain Short and Long-term, dedicated sources of funding
- Implement Wildlife Action Plan Priorities
- Share Best Practices



# Why Montana & Grassland Complexes

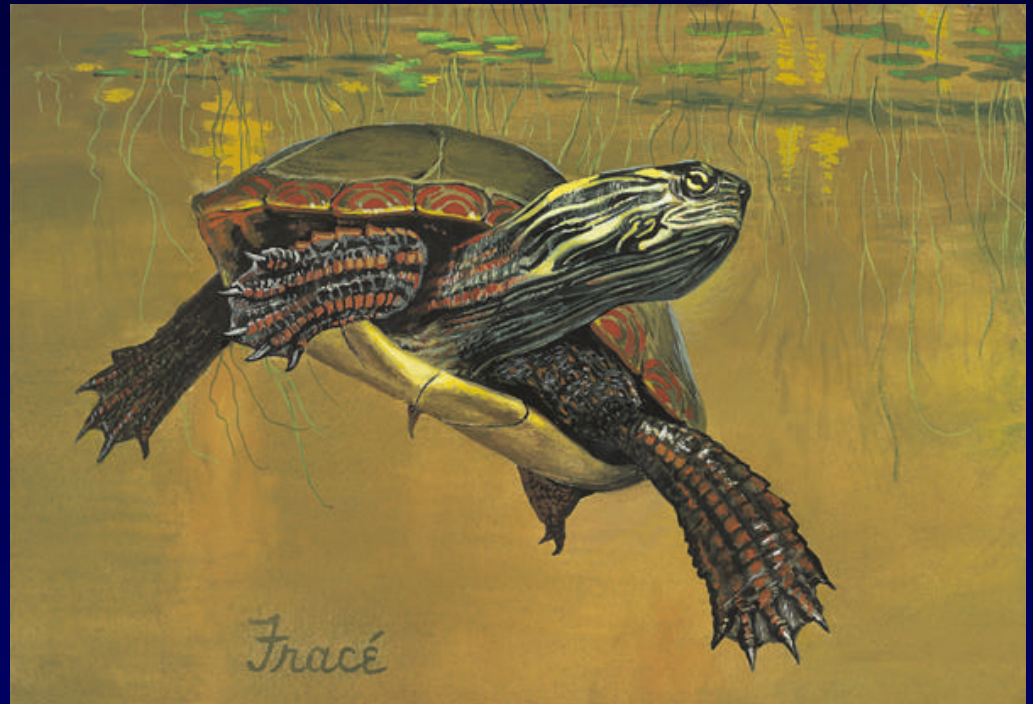
- MT Action Plan
- Legacy of Community Based Initiatives
  - Constitutional Convention (1971)
  - Montana Study (1944-46)
  - Pittman-Robertson (1937)
- Montana Challenge





# Federal Opportunities

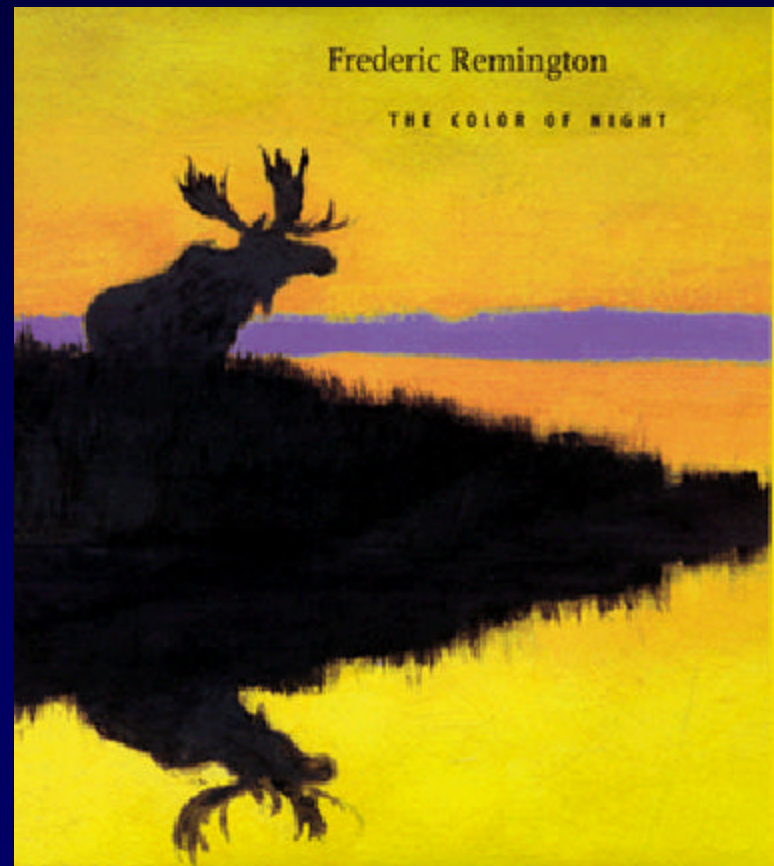
- Annual State Wildlife Grants - \$85 million
- Climate Change – \$500 million or more
- Mitigation Banking -- \$1 billion or more
- CARA and Stand-Alone Wildlife Funding -- \$350 million
- Farm Bill Conservation Programs – \$3 billion a year (\$4 authorized)
- Excise Taxes





# State Opportunities

- Legislative Appropriations
- Natural Resource Trust Funds
- Lottery Funds
- Income Tax Check Off
- Land Transfer Fees
- State & Local Bond Initiatives



# What We Need to Do

- Step-down Action Plan for Each Community & Eco-region
- Identify & Link Community Needs and Interests
  - Montana Challenge
  - Sonoron Institute
  - Support for Community Visioning & Vitalization
  - Community Conversations & Forums to Link Interested Parties & Financial & TA Support
- Enlist TWW Members & Forge State-wide Network In Support of Restoration & Conservation
  - Local Sportsmen, Conservation and Restoration Groups, Small Businesses, Chambers of Commerce, Landowner Assoc, Schools & Churches, Garden and Civic Clubs
- Link DDCF TNC-TPL Conservation Finance Initiative with Other State-wide Funding Needs & Strategies



# Past as Inspiration

- Today's opportunity is mirror image of NWF's Creation
- Mayflower Miracle
- 5 months = 44 State Federations
- Within 2 yrs = P-R Fund Enacted
- It can be done – Ding Darling Guide



# Ding Darling Coalition Cartoon

